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Letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, in the spirit of strengthening the existing cooperation between the United Nations and the Government of Burundi for greater transparency in the field of the protection of human rights, the Government of Burundi transmitted today, 24 February 2017, to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, a draft agreement between the Republic of Burundi and the United Nations concerning the establishment of an office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Burundi.

The Government of Burundi is looking forward to receiving feedback from the Office in Geneva in order to finalize and sign the agreement in the coming days.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Albert **Shingiro**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations



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**Letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a list clarifying the numbers of civilian casualties and injuries resulting from mortar shells and explosive device attacks committed by terrorist armed groups in Syria in the period from 22 January to 22 February 2017 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mounzer Mounzer
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab
Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

**List of civilian casualties and injuries resulting from mortar shells
and explosive device attacks committed by terrorist armed groups
in Syria in the period from 22 January to 22 February 2017**

<i>City</i>	<i>Casualties</i>	<i>Injuries</i>
Aleppo	19 (including 11 children)	69 (including 24 children)
Damascus	5	40 (including 4 children)
Damascus suburbs	8	7 (including 2 children)
Dar'a	10 (including 3 children)	31 (including 5 children)
Dayr al-Zawr	4 (including 1 child)	45 (including 6 children)
Hama	2	6
Hasakah	7 (including 3 children)	8 (including 4 children)
Homs	7 (including 1 child)	37 (including 13 children)
Idlib	—	—
Ladhiqiyah	—	—
Qunaytirah	—	2
Raqqah	—	—
Suwayda'	3 (including 1 child)	8 (including 3 children)
Tartus	—	—
Total	65 (including 20 children)	253 (including 61 children)

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**Letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Missions of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the
Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

We have the honour to forward to you the concept paper on the joint group agreed upon as the outcome of the international meeting on Syria, held in Astana on 16 February 2017 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eshagh Al Habib
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Islamic Republic of Iran

(Signed) Petr Illichev
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Russian Federation

(Signed) Güven Begeç
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of Turkey



Annex to the letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Concept paper on the joint group agreed upon as the outcome of the international meeting on Syria held in Astana on 16 February 2017

The Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter the Parties), pursuant to the joint statement on the international meeting on Syria held in Astana on 23 and 24 January 2017, decided to establish the joint group as part of a trilateral mechanism to observe and ensure full compliance with the ceasefire regime in the Syrian Arab Republic; prevent provocations; determine all modalities of the ceasefire, including separating the terrorist groups Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) and the Nusrah Front from the armed opposition groups in order to consolidate the ceasefire regime; strengthen confidence-building measures; and discuss other related issues that could contribute to the United Nations-sponsored intra-Syrian negotiations on a political solution based on Security Council resolution 2254 (2015).

The group is composed of the representatives of the Parties and the United Nations experts, the number of which is defined by the Parties, in order to effectively search for solutions to the issues under consideration. The United Nations experts will be invited by the Parties to provide a liaison function and expert technical support to the work of the group.

The group will hold regular meetings upon request of one of the Parties and with unanimous approval as to the date and venue. At their meetings, the Parties may propose the dates and venues of upcoming meetings.

During the meetings, the following issues are to be discussed:

- Progress in the implementation of the ceasefire regime declared in Syria on 30 December 2016.
- Investigation of violations with the aim to determine those responsible and take measures to prevent further violations and reduce tensions. Information on violations is provided by the Parties with the assistance of their national ceasefire centres and the United Nations Operations Centre in Geneva. The Parties and the United Nations will regularly exchange information on ceasefire regime violations between meetings.
- Efforts to organize the release of detainees and abductees, as well as the exchange of prisoners and bodies, on a mutually accepted basis, to identify missing persons of the parties to the ceasefire arrangement and to facilitate unhindered and sustainable humanitarian access and the free movement of civilians.

Representatives of the Syrian parties having signed the ceasefire arrangement, and of other countries and organizations that have influence on them, could be invited, subject to consensus of the Parties, to attend the meetings of the joint group, in order to help find effective solutions to the issues under discussion.

The Parties shall brief the International Syria Support Group, through their delegations, on the progress made and the results of their work.

The first meeting of the joint group was held on 6 February 2017.



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**Letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith humanitarian and information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 21-24 February 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) P. Ilichev
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.



Annex to the letter dated 24 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (21 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out seven humanitarian operations: six in the city of Aleppo and one at Dahiyat al-Matar in Damascus governorate.

A total of 3.79 tons of bread and 500 portions of hot food were delivered to the Basil, Shaykh Najjar, Shaykh Sa'id, Qasilah and Shaykh Maqsud districts of Aleppo and to schools in South New Aleppo and in the Ashrafiyah district.

A total of 400 food parcels were delivered to residents of Dahiyat al-Matar in Damascus governorate.

Over the 24 hour period, 3,040 residents received humanitarian assistance. In total, 5.6 tons of humanitarian cargo were distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian aircraft parachuted 20.3 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products), received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations, to the area of Dayr al-Zawr.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (22 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Hawsh Kabita in Damascus governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,270.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 110.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 55.

Over the past 24 hours, 47 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 1827.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported nine violations: five in Ladhikiyah governorate and four in Hama governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported 15 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 4 in Damascus, 4 in Hama, 5 in Dar'a and 2 in Idlib.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the 15 violations.

**Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of
Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (22 February 2017)**

**Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by
the Russian Federation**

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out seven humanitarian operations in two cities: six in Aleppo, and one in Homs.

In Aleppo city, in the Sakhur 1, Ma'adi, Sukkari, Old Aleppo and Shaykh Maqsud districts, and also at the School of Arts for Women, 3,000 portions of hot food were delivered.

A total of 300 food parcels were delivered to residents of the Bab Umar district in the city of Homs, and 40 art kits and 120 soft toys were delivered to preschool institutions.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 3,460 residents. In total, 2 tons of humanitarian cargo have been distributed to the population.

**Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by
international organizations**

Russian aircraft parachuted 20.5 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products), received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations, to the area of the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (23 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire agreements have been signed with Hawsh Kharabir (Damascus governorate), Salamiyah (Hama governorate), Hawran al-Budi (Ladhiqiyah governorate) and Sa'd (Homs governorate).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,274.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 110.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 56.

Over the past 24 hours, 27 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 1,854.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 15 violations in the following governorates: 1 in Ladhiqiyah, 5 in Hama, 2 in Idlib and 1 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: four in Aleppo, two in Ladhiqiyah, one in Damascus, one in Hama and one in Dar'a.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the nine violations.

**Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of
Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (23 February 2017)**

**Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by
the Russian Federation**

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out six humanitarian operations: five in Aleppo city and one at Wafidin in Damascus governorate.

In the Bani Zayd, Bala, Tahtani, Qatinah, Anbi, Hamdaniyah and Old Aleppo districts of Aleppo city, 940 kilograms of bread and 3.6 tons of drinking water were delivered to residents.

A total of 400 food parcels were delivered to residents of Wafidin in Damascus governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 2,320 residents. In total, 6.26 tons of humanitarian cargo have been distributed to the population.

**Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by
international organizations**

Russian aircraft parachuted 20.4 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products), received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations, to the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (24 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 1,274.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 110.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 58.

Over the past 24 hours, 90.4 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 1,944.5 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported nine violations in the following governorates: four in Hama, two in Damascus, two in Idlib and one in Ladhikiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported 13 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 4 in Aleppo, 4 in Dar'a, 3 in Homs, 1 in Ladhikiyah and 1 in Hama.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the 13 violations.